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Strengthening control over food poppy seeds

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Reaffirming its resolution 51/15 of 14 March 2008 on control of international movement of poppy seeds obtained from illicitly grown opium poppy plants,

Recalling its resolution 53/12 of 8 March 2010 on strengthening systems for the control of the movement of poppy seeds obtained from illicitly grown opium poppy crops, in which it called upon Member States to cooperate closely and exchange information on, and experiences in dealing with, the movement of opium poppy seeds in order to prevent smuggling of poppy seeds,

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32 of 28 July 1999 on the international regulation and control of trade in poppy seeds, article 22 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol[1] concerning prohibition of the illicit cultivation of opium poppy and the Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development,[2] adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session,

Underscoring the need to combat the smuggling of poppy straw and other narcotic drugs in the guise of the seeds of the poppy plant,

Stressing the need for cooperation between Member States in controlling the quality of poppy seeds derived from licitly grown poppy plants,

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.
[2] General Assembly resolution S-20/4 E.

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Bearing in mind that, according to the provisions of the 1961 Convention, trade in poppy seeds is not subject to international control,

Noting with concern that in some countries, poppy seeds are used to disguise and conceal consignments of poppy straw and other narcotic drugs, such as opium, morphine and codeine,

Also noting with concern that some countries import, in the guise of poppy seeds intended for culinary use, immature seeds obtained during the preparation of raw material used in the manufacture of pharmaceutical products and containing a large quantity of morphine and other narcotic drugs, which makes them susceptible to illicit use by drug-dependent persons,

Recalling that the International Narcotics Control Board, in its report for 2009, expressed concern over the non-implementation by major importers of opium poppy seeds of the key control provisions recommended in Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32 and called upon the Governments of countries where opium poppy was illicitly cultivated to cooperate closely with the Governments of their neighbouring countries in order to prevent the smuggling of poppy seeds,[3]

Resolving to implement the control provisions recommended in Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32,

1. *Calls upon* Member States to implement the key control provisions recommended in Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32;

2. *Also calls upon* Member States to report to the International Narcotics Control Board on their implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32 in order to strengthen control of the international movement of food poppy seeds;

3. *Calls upon* the Governments of countries in which the import of opium poppy seeds is permitted to obtain an appropriate certificate from the countries of origin of the seeds as the basis for importation, in accordance with the recommendations set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/32 of 28 July 1999 and recommendation 28 of the International Narcotics Control Board in its report for 2009;[3]

4. *Encourages* all Member States, in accordance with their national legislation and accepted international legal norms, to consider adopting additional measures to control the importation of poppy seeds obtained from licitly grown opium poppy plants, including measures to ensure that such seeds do not contain poppy straw, opium, other narcotic drugs or immature seeds containing narcotic drugs in quantities sufficient for their illicit use by drug-dependent persons;

5. *Recommends* that Member States exchange, through the appropriate bilateral and multilateral channels, information on ways of preventing the movement of poppy straw and other narcotic drugs in the guise of food poppy seeds;

6. *Requests* the International Narcotics Control Board and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue their efforts to take appropriate measures to ensure the full implementation by relevant Member States of article 22

[3] International Narcotics Control Board, document E/INCB/2009/1.

of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol;[1]

7. *Recommends* that Member States draw up a list of approved suppliers of food poppy seeds in order to prevent the importation of commercial poppy seeds containing elements of poppy straw and a high concentration of morphine.